



Volunteer Opportunity

Christiansted National Historic Site, located in the heart of Christiansted, was established in 1952. The park encompasses six historic buildings and grounds. The purpose of the park is two fold - preserve historic buildings and grounds, and interpret the Danish economy and way of life on St. Croix from 1733 to 1917. The park has limited staff and has over the years relied on volunteers to help us accomplish park projects.

We are currently looking for assistance on the following three projects:

Project One: In 1991 the Park Service undertook the restoration of several rooms in Fort Christiansvaern. These rooms including the Officer's Day Room, the Arsenal, the Gun Powder Magazine, and the Soldiers' Barracks, were recreated with antiques and period furniture, artillery implements, powder barrels and wooden tools, clothing, canvas bedding, mahogany footlockers and wardrobes. We are looking for volunteers interested in learning about the history of the rooms, their use by the Danish Military and helping our staff maintain the rooms and furnishings. Volunteers would need to attend training and then make a commitment to help clean the rooms 2 hours once per month.

Project Two: Over the last few years the Steeple Building Museum has been undergoing a transformation. The park is interpreting the period of time when the building functioned as a Lutheran church, "Church of the Lord of Sabaoth" 1753-1831. A mural depicting a Lutheran service from the 1800s is prominently displayed on the east wall. Last year the park had reproduction mahogany pews installed in the church to enrich our visitors experience. A new interpretive display is planned to recreate the Governor General's box, the altar, and possibly the chandeliers. We are looking for volunteers interested in the Steeple Building's history and sharing information about the Steeple Building with visitors. Right now the Steeple is closed on weekends due to staff storage. We are looking for volunteers for Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 to 4:00 pm.

Project Three: Four years ago the park relocated the Eastern National Bookstore to the Scale House. The bookstore functions as a key visitor contact station for all three St. Croix National Parks. The store is now carrying a wide selection of books and items related to the National Parks, the Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, history, maps, video, music, and nature. The present store manager, Janet Hagbloom, has the store open from 10:30 to 4:00 Monday - Saturday. We are looking for volunteers to help keep the store open on Sundays and open up from 8:30 to 10:30, Monday - Saturday.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these park projects please contact Mr. Anibal Colon, Jr., Park Ranger/Interpretation, 340-773-1460, x239, Monday – Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 pm.